(b) The main demands raised by the Trade Union were the following:

- Halt to privatisation of profit making and potentially viable public sector undertakings.
- No change in the labour laws in favour of the employers and against the interest of the workers.
- Immediate enactment of comprehensive legislation for agricultural workers.
- No to policies leading to severe aggravation of joblessness and unemployment.
- Widen comprehensive social security schemes for all, including workers in unorganised sector.
- Restoration of quantitative restrictions on imports.
- Amendment of Payment of Bonus Act by removing all ceilings.
- Restroration of 12% interest rate on P.F. deposit.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to redress the grievances of the striking workers and avert the strike, conciliation proceedings were held by the Regional Labour Commissioners (Central). Besides this, the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) held a meeting with the representatives of the Central Trade Union Organisations on 19.5.2003. Hon'ble Labour Minister also met the representatives of the unions and discussed their Charter of Demands with them.

(e) Does not arise.

Vocational training to women and girls in Rajasthan

1275. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Employment and Training is providing Vocational Training to women and girls in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, vocation-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, the number of girls and women that have been benefited during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Directorate General of Employment & Training under the Ministry of Labour is providing vocational training to women at Regional Vocational Training Institute (RVTI) for Women, Jaipur in Rajasthan. Training is being imparted in basis and advanced skills in Dress Making, Secretarial Practice, Hair & Skin Care, Architectural Assistantship; and basic training in Desk Top Publishing, Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA). The Institute also provides training in Principles of Teaching for Instructors. Short-term courses are conducted in the above training areas.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Number of girls and women who have availed training facilities at RVTI, Jaipur are given below:-

Year	Nos. trained
2000-2001	450
2001-2002	496
2002-2003	536

Increase in Number of unemployed persons

†1276. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of unemployed persons during the last decade as compared to previous ones, if so, the details of the figures of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in this regard;

(b) whether the employment opportunities for women are lesser as compared to men; and

(c) whether the decrease in the number of Government jobs is also one of the reasons for the same?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.